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For: SURFACE DECONTAMINATION)
OF FRANKFURTERS AND)
OTHER PROCESSED MEAT)
AND POULTRY PRODUCTS)
Date of Last Office Action:)
March 12, 2003)
Attorney Docket No.:) Cleveland, OH 44114
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REQUEST FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sirs:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, mailed March 12, 2003 expired on June 12, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time up to and including August 12, 2003, in which to respond to the Official Action. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed.

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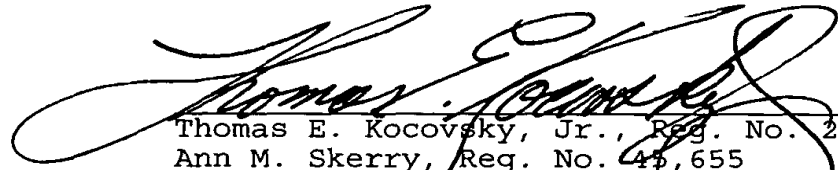
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Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Thomas E. Kocovsky, Jr.", is written over the printed name and address.

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